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AUGUST 26 - EVENING SESSION

SUMMARY: CONTINUATION OF GENERAL DEBATE, INCLUDING ITEM 7 ON
"RECENT DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS." LIST OF
SPEAKERS INCLUDED NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF ALGERIA, YEMEN,
BOTSWANA, AUSTRIA, KENYA, 0,8&34, LESOTHO BMQ KHEMER REP., ETHIOPIA,
MADAGASCAR, DEMOCRATIC YEMAN, AND EQUAT GUINEA. PORTUGAL AND
MALAYSIA TOOK FLOOR IN RIGHT OF REPLY. END OF SUMMARY.

1. ON RIGHT OF REPLY, PORTUGUESE DELEGATE RESPONDED TO STATEMENT
ON ANGOLA'S LIBERATION FRONT. HE ENDEAVORED TO REASSURE AFRICANS
THAT GOP HAD EMBARKED ON PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION BUT THE
TASK IS NOT EASY BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF RESOURCES. PORTUGAL
ASKED FOR PATIENCE AS NEW GOVERNMENT DEALS WITH ITS AFRICAN
PROBLEMS INHERITED FROM "FASCISTS." MALAYSIA RESPONDED TO ALGERIA'S
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EARLIER STATEMENT ON SURB RV SEE SEPTTEL) SAYING THAT ALTHOUGH MEMBER

OF NON-ALIGNED GROUP, IT HAS NOT RECOGNIZED PRG.

2. DELEGATE FROM EQUAT GUINEA DELIVERED LENGTHY POLITICAL ATTACK ON "COLONIALISM, NEOCOLONIALISM, OPPRESSION, DISCRIMINATION, APARTHEID, "MAKING SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO SOUTH AFRICA, SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND PORTUGUESE AFRICA. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE FOR UNIFICATION OF KOREA. EQ GUINEA ONLY COUNTRY IN THIS SESSION TO REGRET PRG'S ABSENCE.

ILEM ANGOLA'S LIBERATION FRONT DESCRIBED HORRORS OF ALLEGED PORTUGUESE CAMPAIGN TO DEPOPULATE ANGOLA AND THE SOCIAL PROGRAMS OF LIBERATION FRONT TO RAISE PEOPLE'S LIVING LEVELS. HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD ANGOLA'S POPULATION GROWTH IS STRONGLY PRONATALIST.

4. KHMER REP ASKED FOR A STOP TO FOREIGN SUBVERSION AND PLEADED TO BE LEFT ALONE IN PEACE. THE DELEGATE INDICATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS "WITH THE OTHER SIDE," WITH NO CONDITIONS ATTACHED. POPULATION GROWTH STILL NO PROBLEM IN REPUBLIC; IN FACT, GOVT OF KHMER VIEWS INCREASE IN POPULATION USEFUL. IN ANY CASE, NO MEASURES SHOULD ENCROACH ON FREEDOM OF INDIVIDUAL IN MATTERS OF PROCREATION. KHMER REP REJECTS ABORTION ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS. CHINESE DELEGATION WALKED OUT DURING CAMBODIA'S STATEMENT.

5. AUSTRIA REPORTED A FAVORABLE DEMOGRAPHIC SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY, WITH NATURAL INCREASE AROUND ZERO. GOA HAS ADOPTED SOME SOCIAL POLICIES WITH MILDLY PRONATALIST EFFECT. MOST OF STATEMENT DEVOTED TO ISSUES OF STATUS OF WOMEN.

6. YEMEN'S DELEGATE SAID THAT COUNTRY'S UNDERDEVELOPMENT IS DUE TO ITS ISOLATION PRIOR TO 1962. REVOLUTION MARKED BEGINNING OF PROGRESS BUT CIVIL WAR PRECLUDED DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMY AND OF SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS. YEMEN WOULD WELCOME EXTERNAL AID WITH NO STRINGS. EMIGRATION IS ONLY SAFETY VALVE BUT GOVERNMENT DOES NOT VIEW IT WITH FAVOR. RELATIVELY LARGE EMIGRATION, INVOLVING MEN IN ABLE-BODIED AGES, ACTS TO REDUCE BOTH COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT AND ITS BIRTH RATE. YEMEN PLEASED FOR HUMANE TREATMENT OF ITS MIGRANT WORKFES BY RECEIVING COUNTRIES.GOY PLANS CENSUS IN 1975. YEMEN CALLED ON CONFERENCE TO GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO PLIGHT OF PALESTINIAN REFUGEES.

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7. BOTSWANA. SAID ITS MAIN PROBLEM IS NOT OVERPOPULATION BUT UNDERDEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES. GOB VIEWS POPULATIO CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT AS INTERRELATED AND WOULD LIKE TO STABILIZE POPULATIO GROWTH RATE AT "OPTIMAL LEVEL" BUT HAS NO SPECIFIC TARGETS.SECIAL, ECONOMIC, ANDPOLITICAL CONDITIONS INTEGRATION OF WOMEN, ARE CONSIDERED MORE IMPORTANT THAN AVAILABILITY OF CONTRACEPTIVES FOR EFFECTIVE FAMILY PLANNING. COMMITTEE HAS BEEN

ESTABLISHED TO OVERSEE POPULATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING BOTSWANA'S FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES OFFERED IN THE INTEREST OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH. BOTSWANA CRITICIZED OVERCONSUMPTION IN LDC'S AND CALLED FOR CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA.

8. NIGER'S POPULATION GROWTH IS 3 PER CENT BUT IT CANNOT BE EVALUATED IN VACUUM. GON'S MAIN OBJECTIVE IS DEVELOPMENT, WITH MAN AS CENTER OF CONCERN. NIGER IS FAR FROM PROMOTING FAMILY PLANNING, AND DELEGATE COMPLAINED THAT IT IS EASIER TO GET AID FOR FAMILY PLANNING THAN FOR A WELL IN DOUGHT-STRICKEN AREA. HE ASKED IF NEOCOLONIALISM CAN BE STOPPED BEFORE IT DESTROYS LDC'S, AND SUPPORTED NEW ECONOMIC ORDER.

9. KENYA PRESENTED EFFECTIVE STATEMENT. GOK HAS ENOLVED NATINAL STRATEGY WHICH INCLUDES POPULATION POLICIES. KENYA PLANS TO INTENSIFY ITS FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM AND TO SLOW DOWN MIGRATION TO URGAN AREAS. KENYA ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO UNFPA IN 1974/1975.

10. LESOTHO ARGUED FOR ONE'S OWN APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT, AS IT CANNOT SEE MUCH TO EMULATE IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CRIME, DRUGS, PROSTITUTION, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, DIVORCE, ETC. GOL VIEWS ITS PRIORITIES AS BETTER USE OF ARABLE LAND; DECENTRALIZATION OF INDUSTRY; REVISION OF INCOME TAX STRUCTURE, COMPULSORY SAVING SCHEME FOR CIVIL SERVANTS; AND PUBLIC SUBSIDIES FOR SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE POOR. SINCE LESOTHO IS LABOR-EXPORTING COUNTRY, IT ASKED FOR HUMANE TREATMENT OF ITS MIGRANTS.

1. ETHIOPIA BELIVES IN FOCUSING ATTENTION ON "PEOPLE" RATHER THAN "POPULATION." PEOPLE ARE NEVER A PROBLEM. POULATION PRESSURE ON SOCIAL SERVICES IS UNDENIABLE BUT POPULATION GROWTH IS INEVITABLE AND ECONOMIC PLANS MUST BE TALILORED TO ACCOMMODATE IT. ETHIOPIA BELIEVES PLAN OF ACTION DOES NOT TAKE SUFFICIENT

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NOTE OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTIONS, ESPECIALLY DECLARATION ON NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. GOE CALLED FOR REDUCTION IN WASTE OF RESOURCES AND IN EXCESSIVE CONSUMPTION.

12. DEMOCRATIC YEMEN SHOWED UNEXPECTED DEGREE OF CONCERN OVER POPULATION PROBLEMS AT HOME AND WORLD-WIDE. THE COUNTRY, ACCORDING TO ITS DELEGATE, HAS TO ADOPT BIRTH CONTROL BECAUSE OF ITS POOR RESOURCE BASE. WOMEN'S RIGHT TO DETERMINE FAMILY SIZE AND BIRTH SPACING IS GUARANTEED BY LAW. YEMEN NEEDS HELP FROM UNFPA AS WELL AS OTHER AGENCIES. IT ALSO CALLED FOR SOLUTION OF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND FOR STOPPING IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL.

12. MADAGASCAR CALLED FOR COMMON FRONT AGAINST THE "HAVES,"--ALREADY EVIDENT DURING GA SESSION ON RESOURCES--AT ALL CONFERENCES, INCLUDING WPC. IN LENGTHY SPEECH, THE DELEGATE RECOGNIZED NEED

FOR PLANNING POPULATION GROWTH TO AVOID "ANARCHY" (REMINISCENT OF CHINA'S POSITION), BUT EQUATED THIS POPULATION PLANNING WITH IMPROVEMENT IN LEVELS OF LIVING. GOM SET UP A NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION ON POPULATION, AND IN ITS JUDGEMENT, IT IS TIME TO BEGIN EDUCATING COUNTRY'S POPULATION IN FAMILY PLANNING AND RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD. THE SPEAKER CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT CHANGE IN ATTITUDES ON PROCREATION REQUIRES PERCEPTION OF SELF-INTEREST ON PART OF PARENTS. MADAGASCAR IS ABOUT TO UNDERTAKE ITS FIRST CENSUS; IS GRATEFUL TO UNFPA FOR ASSISTANCE, AND HOPES FOR FURTHER SUPPORT OF THE FUND BY WELL-TO-DO NATIONS. BARNES

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